

BIRDATHON 2003

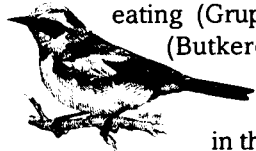
Jim Remsen

BIRD WALKS

Elliott Kutner

The sixteenth SSAS Birdathon took place from 5:00 P.M. Friday, 5/9/03 until 5:00 P.M. Saturday, 5/10/03. Since 1988, our chapter has raised funds for our conservation programs by tallying the number of species seen by observers in 24 hours at the peak of spring migration.

Excitement was high this year for a number of reasons. A few samples of the day's sightings: A female King Eider was sighted at Jamaica Bay. Bonaparte's Gulls at the Jones Beach Coast Guard station were displaying breeding plumage, including the black hoods. Warblers observed by the chapter included 23 species; highlights among these were Golden-winged (pictured), Worm-eating (Grupp/Remsen team), and Cerulean (Butkereit team). A Bobolink was also present at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, spending most of the day in the weedy field near the parking lot.



All told, the chapter recorded 151 species of birds.

With a total of nearly \$2400 raised for South Shore Audubon's programs, and numerous members rewarded with prizes at our annual dinner for their efforts, everyone involved had a great time. We thank everyone who contributed, regardless of how small the dollar amount. It all adds up. To all the birders who went out at all hours of the day (or evening), we thank you as well.

At the head of the thank-you list must come team leaders Paul Butkereit, Joe Grupp, Elliott Kutner, and Ken and Karen Wenzel. Year after year, these people lead our teams, and although it is the birding that brings them out, to do the Birdathon is also a commitment of time they make out of their busy schedules, and we are grateful.

With another great year of birding behind us, we hope you all have a great fall birding season and think about next year. The Birdathon will become an increasingly important source of income for our chapter as the decrease in dues share from National Audubon continues. Our chapter is now faced with the need to raise most of its own money. What better way than by going birding... something we are all devoted to?

Thank you again for your support. See you next year for our seventeenth annual Birdathon.

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- Aug. 31 Labor Day Weekend — No Walk
- Sep. 7 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Sep. 14 Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
- Sep. 21 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Sep. 28 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 5 Tobay JFK Sanctuary
- Oct. 12 Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
- Oct. 19 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 26 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Nov. 2 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Nov. 9 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Nov. 16 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Nov. 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Nov. 30 Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18, first lot south of Southern State Parkway)
- Dec. 7 Pelham Bay for Owls (pull over to street on extreme right after going through Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9 A.M.; hiking shoes recommended)
- Dec. 14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Dec. 21 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner



WHERE YOUR NAS DUES GO

Michael Spelling

We are now at the beginning of the third and final year of National Audubon Society's so-called "safety net," where chapters are receiving 50% of the dues share that they received in 2000-2001 — that's less than \$3 per member household, which doesn't even cover the printing and mailing costs of the *Skimmer*.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wendy Murbach

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting at the Freeport Library from 7:30-9:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (except November) to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an interesting program.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks led by Elliott Kutner, birder extraordinaire. Check out the special events that are mentioned in the *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us.

Our new members since the last *Skimmer* are:

- Baldwin..... Madelone Avallone, Barbara Helms, Alisa Mazzocchi, Robert Mott
- Bellmore Deborah Cunnane, Anne DiPietro, Anne DiRusso, Yale Rosen
- Bethpage Virginia Anne Lewis
- East Meadow Harold Garrecht, F. P. Herzberg, Elizabeth Reif, Mr. & Mrs. George Reis
- East Rockaway Mr. Joseph Cullen, Jeannine Heitmamn
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- Franklin Square Bruce Beaver, James J. Hoegler, Michael Monahan, Peter Papia
- Freeport..... Kreischer household, Pamela Rietdorf
- Garden City..... Arthur & Joyce Albro
- Hempstead Ruth Cupas, Irene T. Czarnecki, Amel Monem
- Hicksville Claire Kline, Agnes Lepper, Kelly Ann Meegan, Barbara Sielaff, Padma Vaidyanathan, Orazio Zappala
- Lawrence Andria North
- Levittown Oswald Brett, Ms. Anna M. DeFreytas, Anthony Seeman, Mrs. Janice L. Volz, Mr. William Walsh
- Long Beach Zelda Isaacs, Kenneth Kahn, D. Litton, Marilyn C. Schurin
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- Woodmere Jesse X. Margolin, E. Spier, Prasad Sunkavalli



SAVE THOSE PROXIES!

Michael Spelling

Three-quarters of National Audubon Society's Board of Directors is composed of people whose unopposed candidacy is determined without any approval from NAS's chapters or members. In an attempt at reforming the Audubon Board, a group of chapter leaders (including a former Board member), in an effort dubbed "Take Back Audubon," will be write-in candidates for the NAS Board in the next election, which should occur this fall.

SSAS's board will be looking at Take Back Audubon's platform when it's finalized and you'll hear more about this if we decide to support it. You can learn about TBA's candidates and issues ("the right to basic information, the right to initiate measures before the NAS Board, competitive elections, grassroots congresses of chapters, and reinstatement of dues share") at www.smbas.org/tba.

LIDO BEACH PASSIVE NATURE AREA

On June 23 and 24, SSAS was well represented at the community meetings regarding plans to develop the 39-acre de St. Aubin property along the north side of Lido Boulevard into the Lido Beach Passive Nature Area. The property, owned by the New York State Department of Environmental Protection and managed by the Town of Hempstead's Department of Conservation & Waterways, is located between the West Marina and Donna Lane, opposite Malibu Beach. Details on the management plan for the nature area are available at www.mnsa.webhop.org, which also provides info on the Town of Hempstead's Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside.

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

At our annual dinner, SSAS's college scholarship committee, chaired by Betsy Gulotta, awarded \$750 Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarships to Alexis Alvey (accepted by her father, Rob, who started the Garden City Bird Sanctuary with SSAS's help) and Elizabeth Reif.

Alexis expects to graduate from Cornell University in January 2005 with a degree in Natural Resources Management. She's concentrating on applied ecology and wants to study forest ecosystems in graduate school.


Elizabeth expects to graduate from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in May 2005 with a degree in Environmental Forest Biology. She is also taking biology classes (especially on ornithology) at Syracuse University.

We wish both of our winners success and would like to again thank dinner attendee Evelyn Bishop for her annual support of our scholarship program.



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JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISES (Sun., Sep. 28 & Sat., Oct. 4). Meet at 4 P.M. Pier 6 Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn for a 3-hour guided tour of the marshes and backwaters of the Jamaica Bay Refuge. Cost: \$35 includes guides, wine, cheese, fruit, and snacks. Contact Don.

FIRE ISLAND FALL HIKE (Sun., Oct. 12). Meet at 9:15 A.M. at Sayville Ferry for a hike through the "sunken forest" during raptor and monarch migration. Cost: \$20 incl. ferry & guides. Bring lunch, binoculars. Call Steve Finn: 631-821-2160 (eves).

ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND (Nov. 6-9). Visit Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge and Assateague National Seashore. See wild ponies, Snow Geese (thousands), Bald Eagle, River Otter, Sika Deer, and lots more wildlife in a beautiful setting. Cost: \$295 includes 3 nights at Refuge Motor Inn, guided hikes, boat tour of marshes, evening slide programs, star watch, and Saturday night dinner.

FLORIDA EVERGLADES (Feb. 28 - Mar. 7). Visit north & south sections of Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Preserve, Sanibel Island/Ding Darling Refuge, Loxahatchee Refuge, Butterfly World. Closeup views of Florida's best birds, as well as American crocodile, alligators, etc.

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SSAS BIRDSEED SALE COMING!

Our annual birdseed sale at Tackapausha in Seaford is scheduled for **Sunday, November 2**; please check next month's *Skimmer* for the order form.

TWO MUCH-APPRECIATED GIFTS

SSAS wishes to thank Sally Popkin for her generous donation of over fifty nature books, plus sets of videos and cassettes.

Also, we wish to posthumously acknowledge Martha Landthaler of Wantagh, whose naming of "Long Island Audubon Society" as a beneficiary in her eleventh-hour will shall support SSAS and other chapters' endeavors.

GREENING OF LONG ISLAND FUND

Therese Lucas

SSAS was pleased to present \$1,000 in trees and shrubs to Wantagh Park this year. This was an addition to the plantings donated to the park in 2002 (when we also donated plantings to Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge). Among the native species donated were Eastern White Pine, Winterberry, Bayberry, Eastern Red Cedar, and Nellie Stevens Holly. They were placed adjacent to the plantings from last year.

Thanks again to all members who donated to this worthwhile cause.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

SSAS's steady advertiser, the American Littoral Society's Northeast Chapter, is coordinating the 17th annual New York State Beach Cleanup. Data on the debris collected on **September 20** will be sent to The Ocean Conservancy to help regulate pollution. In 2002, over 10,730 New Yorkers documented and removed 268,623 pounds of debris from 292 sites along 377 miles of shoreline, including lakes, rivers, bays, sound, and ocean. For information on nearby cleanups, contact ALS's Barbara Cohen at alsbeach@aol.com or 718-471-2166, check www.alsnyc.org, or call the Beach Cleanup Hotline at 800-449-0790.

JONES BEACH'S HOLIDAY LIGHT SPECTACULAR

Back on February 8, five members of SSAS's board, along with ten leaders from six other Audubon chapters (plus two Audubon New York staffers via teleconference), met at Jones Beach with seven employees of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The meeting was arranged by the Audubon Council of NY with assistance from Audubon NY in hopes of resolving the strenuous opposition from SSAS and some other chapters to Clear Channel's drive-through "Holiday Light Spectacular," which has been afflicting Jones Beach's West End (the heart of an Audubon-designated Important

Bird Area) annually since 2000. It should be noted that, despite SSAS's best efforts, neither the Council nor Audubon NY oppose the Spectacular, and also that Audubon NY has been negotiating to take over management of Jones Beach's Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center, which is partly funded by the Spectacular.

The meeting was run by Tom Lyons, the Director of State Parks' Environmental Management Bureau, whose long-delayed summary was sent to us on June 17. Here it is, in its entirety, beginning with Mr. Lyons' intro (comments in brackets are your editor's).

Please find attached a draft summary of our meeting. We have met with regional and park staff to review alternative locations and the basis for which they were deemed unsatisfactory. Findings from this meeting will go into the evaluation of this year's special use permit request. We will also be preparing a "response document" addressing the agency's findings from its analysis and its position on the issues and concerns identified.

Introduction

This meeting was held at the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center on the West End of Jones Beach State Park. In attendance were representatives of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and several representatives of Audubon chapters in the Long Island area. There were 12 [15; I made a list] Audubon representatives and 7 OPRHP staff present.

Concern had been expressed by some members of Audubon of the impacts associated with the Holiday Lights program. This program has taken place on the segment of parkway that loops through the West End of the park. The program consists of light displays with holiday themes, with an opportunity for participants to meet with Santa at the end of the loop. This stop takes place within a section of the TDR [TR] Nature Center.

Agency staff provided an overview of the permit, operational aspects, and environmental review. The findings from two years of monitoring of impacts were provided. Results from monitoring have not shown any significant levels of bird mortality or injury. Audubon NY scientific staff presented findings from their review of the Christmas Bird Count data before and after the Holiday Lights.

Concerns expressed at the meeting fell into the following general categories:

- ① permit and revenue
- ② type and extent of environmental review of impacts
- ③ aesthetic impact and commercialization

While there were concerns raised by several Audubon representatives, there was also an interest expressed by Audubon for cooperation with Parks and focusing on things that the agency and Audubon can work together on improving.

The following is a listing of the issues, questions, and information discussed at the meeting. It is derived from

the flip-chart record [made by Mr. Lyons], as well as notes taken by OPRHP staff.

OPRHP staff will be conducting additional evaluation of the issues and concerns raised in the context of review of any special use permit for the Holiday Lights in 2003. Audubon representatives will be kept informed of this review [there's been no news as of early August].

Permit and Revenue

⇒ There is a need to describe the extent of revenue from the program and its use.

⇒ Distribution of funds: All funds go to Nature Center and environmental programming. Some money to protection and monitoring of endangered species at other parks.

⇒ Fee is \$12 per car on weekdays and \$15 per car on weekends.

⇒ There was a question on the level of cost to Parks for providing services associated with the program.

⇒ Concern was expressed over the advertising and signage placed within the show itself. How much revenue is generated through such advertising and sponsorships?

⇒ Does contract specify the times for installation and removal? Concern was expressed over the early installation date.

⇒ OPRHP will do bulleted list of contract/permit provisions and detail revenue.

⇒ Request was also made for estimate of the % Holiday Lights revenue for Nature Center vs. Nature Center budget (total).

⇒ Audubon expressed a willingness to assist in identifying another way of generating revenue to Nature Center.

⇒ It was felt by some Audubon members that 10% of the total gross revenue was not satisfactory.

⇒ There was a question regarding the costs incurred by the OPRHP partner [Clear Channel gets 90% of gross].

⇒ A comment was made that partnerships are not just with private sector corporations, but there are examples of partnerships with environmental groups.

⇒ State Parks has a set of partnership guidelines, which OPRHP can make available to Audubon participants in the meeting.

Bird Issues

⇒ The West End is an important migratory bird area.

⇒ Is monitoring for bird mortality sufficient?

⇒ Are birds being displaced?

⇒ The lack of baseline data was noted — nothing to compare data to.

⇒ Impact concerns:

① West End important during migration for ducks and other waterfowl

② owls

③ night-herons roost in Zach's Bay

⇒ This is an Audubon IBA priority habitat area, one of the most important in the state.

⇒ High counts at Jones Beach — impact of weather on counts; impacts of fog.



⇒ 2000–2001 [were] mild seasons — Are birds using territories that are better available?

⇒ “Fall” migration extends from July–January. Gull migration throughout other months, primarily Dec./Jan.

⇒ Light affecting terrestrial species.

⇒ Bird counts from inlet to water tower — Is there a breakdown of locations?

⇒ Diminishing populations at West End. Data do not allow for establishing causes.

⇒ Study additional hypothesis for impacts on birds.

⇒ West End has funneling effect on migration (wintering birds, migratory birds).

⇒ West End deemed more valuable and thus light show is a particular threat.

⇒ Question on the validity of use of Christmas Count data. The light show has months of disturbance — Christmas Bird Count provides only one day. There is a need to describe the usefulness and limitations of Christmas Bird Count data.

⇒ Dead birds should be sent to DEC for analysis.

⇒ OPRHP staff requested that Audubon representatives provide any data that they might have on adverse impacts to the environment or birds more specifically.

⇒ Audubon representatives indicated that pre-light show data may exist from “listers” and that they will be looking into this.

⇒ Audubon was also asked to help, as possible, with data and information related to impacts.

⇒ Audubon representatives suggested establishing a registry for bird information in the West End.

Other Impacts/ Environmental Review

⇒ Air pollution — idling of thousands of vehicles for considerable time (58,000 last year). Such pollution would be concentrated in West End.

⇒ Soil pollution (potential for diesel fuel spills/exhaust) and possible impact during nesting season.

⇒ Oil dripping on road — impact from runoff to adjacent areas.

⇒ Monitoring — need sustained effort.

⇒ Predator removal of dead birds difficult to monitor and could be impacting counts of bird mortality.

⇒ Light pollution — See article in *Audubon* magazine [March/April 2000].

⇒ Concern expressed that environmental review relies too heavily on this as a pilot program. There should have been more up-front analysis prior to making a decision.

⇒ Potential for more subtle impacts due to lighting — e.g., raptors extending hunting hours of small mammals, etc./impacts to ecosystem.

⇒ Habitat impacts — some displays and wiring [from on-site generators] located beyond signs saying “Keep off dunes.”

⇒ Plant life damage.

⇒ Timing of impact review.

⇒ Energy consumption.

Operational Issues

⇒ How long is setup?

⇒ Setup timing? — Setup is very early, perhaps as early as September [definitely September last year; we saw it].

⇒ Breakdown time? How long and when?

⇒ “Keep off dunes” signs not met. Displays placed on these dunes — inappropriate.

⇒ To what extent might [dead or injured] birds be removed (prior to counts) as part of operations for program?

⇒ Numbers of visitors participating in show is substantial (relative to pre-show levels). How does this impact things over the short and long term? (300,000–375,000 visitors annually; 3.5 million for next decade)

⇒ Need education — provide warnings on ticket.

⇒ Removal of displays requires less time than installation [took about a week].

⇒ This is turnkey operation; the operator has primary responsibility for all aspects of operations.

Alternatives

⇒ Garden City [State] Arts Center [run by Clear Channel and presumably not set up in a parking lot two months early], another holiday lights display nearby [EAB Plaza] — is one needed at Jones Beach?

⇒ Check out alternative locations in park and other parks.

Aesthetics / Appropriateness / Commercialization

⇒ Area was relatively secluded during this time of year — no longer.

⇒ Aesthetic impacts substantial; to some persons objectionable.

⇒ Nature Center already has good attendance. Some participants felt that this event was not necessary to draw other users to Center.

⇒ One participant stated that Robert Moses’ vision was that the West End was considered a “jewel.” Need to check this out.

⇒ Concern is primarily with location.

⇒ Is there a master plan for Jones Beach State Park?

⇒ Long-term impacts need to be evaluated, especially that of perception of commercialization of parkland. (Hilfiger Theater at Jones Beach State Park felt to be an example.)

⇒ Concern expressed over the “Coney Islandization” of Jones Beach.

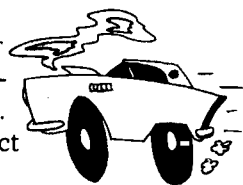
⇒ Partnership guidelines are in place within State Parks and will be forwarded to meeting participants.

⇒ Need to assess how partnership guidelines were applied to the Holiday Lights proposal.

⇒ OPRHP staff stated that the agency receives many positive comments on Holiday Lights program.

⇒ Some Audubon participants felt that the decision should be based on OPRHP mission and whether this would be considered an appropriate recreational use. It should not be a revenue-based decision.

⇒ Demand for lights — SFX’s idea [SFX was bought by Clear Channel].



⇒ Public input into project has been negligible. There is a need for a public debate on this proposal.

⇒ Advertising within the displays in Holiday Lights is further indication of commercialization of parkland.

Editor's Sequel. Here's some more information that OPRHP provided during the meeting:

The Holiday Light Spectacular consists of 130-140 displays, some of which, supported by guy wires, are 150 feet wide or 30 feet tall.

\$70,000-\$90,000 per year has gone to State Parks, of which \$25,000 (the annual permit fee) is used to publish the NYS Parks Guide.

The reason that there hasn't been an Environmental Impact Statement provided for public comment is that OPRHP has taken advantage of a loophole in the State Environmental Quality Review Act that allows them to issue permits for "pilot programs" without public review.

SSAS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY

The Research Committee is conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS geographical

area and to make some estimates as to their numbers. We request input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. If you would like to participate in this program, we would greatly appreciate it.

To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper to the table and submit the additional recordings in the same manner. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed below, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Full-page survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

Please mail your data to Mr. J. Grupp, Research Chairperson, 660 Edgemere Ave., Uniondale NY 11553 or e-mail Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com.

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